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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE CONTENT OF ORGANIC POLLUTION IN A LIQUID AND/OR GASEOUS MEDIUM (57) Abstract The content of organic pollutions of a liquid and/or gaseous medium is determined by the aid of a method consisting of contacting said medium with ozone gas, and measuring the CO ₂ gas which is consequently formed. The process may be fully automatized.		

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A method for determining the content of organic pollution in
a liquid and/or gaseous medium

5 The present invention relates to a method for determining
the content of oxidizable organic compounds or substances
which are dissolved, mixed or dispersed in a liquid and/or
gaseous medium.

10 In order to determine, e.g. the amount of chemically
oxidizable organic substances in water substantially two
basically different methods are used. One method comprises
titration of the sample solution with a standard solution
consisting of potassium permanganate or potassium
15 dichromate. Disadvantages of said methods of titration are
that inorganic substances are oxidized at the same time,
and that said methods require a certain time and not
insignificant labor at a lab. Another method which was
recently introduced consists of making a sample the object
of a combustion reaction at higher temperatures, and
20 measuring or determining the quantity of the combustion
product CO₂. The quantity of CO₂ will, thus, provide an
expression of the quantity of organic material of the
sample. Disadvantages of the last mentioned method are that
it requires very expensive apparatus, and an all-automatic
25 and continuous analysis is rendered difficult by the the
combustion process proper.

It was an object of the present invention to provide a
method which eliminates the above disadvantages connected
30 with known technology. Furthermore, it was an object to
achieve a simple and dependable method which may be
automatized, and which permits continuous measuring and
detection of organic material, e.g. in effluent from a
factory, a municipal sewer, or the like.

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According to the present invention the above objects are
achieved by a method which is substantially characterized by
the fact that a gaseous and/or liquid medium is contacted

with ozone gas, and that the carbon dioxide gas thus formed is subjected to measurements and calculations, so that its content of organic material may be determined. Further characterizing features of the method will appear from the following dependent claims.

The method is illustrated below with reference to a drawing figure by the aid of an example of an embodiment of the method.

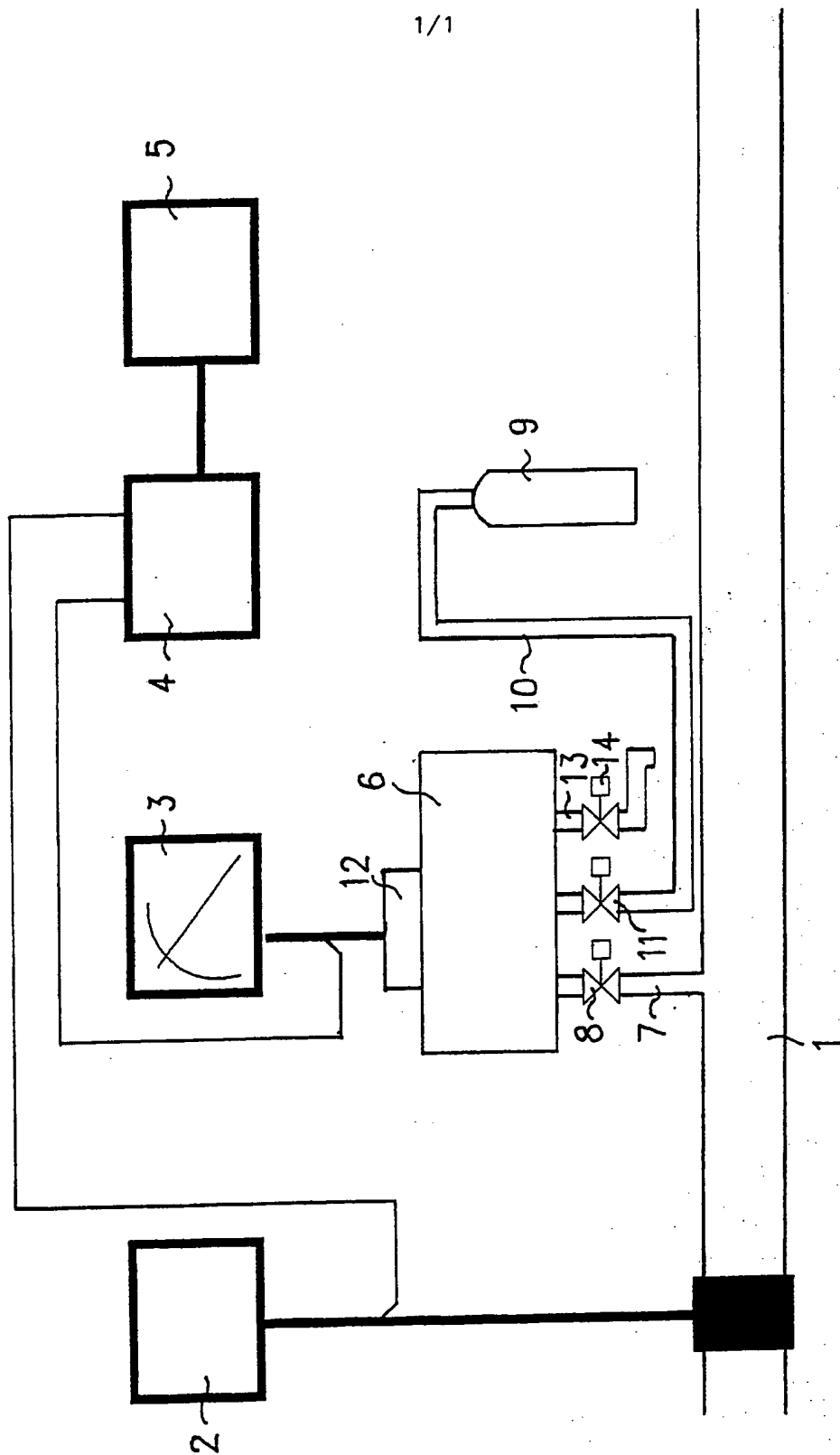
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The liquid to be examined flows through pipeline 1. A magnetic volumeter 2 measures the rate of liquid flow, and suitable measuring signals are transmitted to a microprocessor 4. From pipeline 1 a sample is taken through pipe branch 7 and magnet valve 8 to sample chamber 6. From an ozone container 9 ozone gas is added to sample chamber 6, via a conduit 10, and a magnet valve 11, sample chamber 6 now being filled with liquid through which finely dispersed ozone gas passes. "Cold combustion" of organic material will consequently occur in sample chamber 6, and the formed CO₂ gas is conducted to a CO₂ measuring device 3 which will, in turn, transmit suitable signals to microprocessor 5, which will process the received measuring signals and will present them to the user in a suitable manner. In this manner, e.g. quantities of discharged organic material per hour may be read and recorded. Upon a completed analysis of a removed and isolated volume of liquid sample the sample chamber is ventilated by the aid of a ventilating device 12, and the sample chamber 6 is emptied of sample solution through discharge conduit 13 and magnet valve 14. 5 is the output signal unit which may be provided with telefax, alarm, etc. Microprocessor 4, inter alia, controls magnet valves and, consequently, the interval for analyses.

CLAIMS:

1. A method for determining the content of organic pollutions in a liquid and/or gaseous medium,
5 c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that said liquid and/or gaseous medium is contacted with ozone gas, and that the carbon dioxide gas consequently formed is measured.
2. A method as stated in claim 1, c h a r a c t -
10 e r i z e d i n that from the medium to be analyzed samples are automatically and continuously taken which samples are, likewise in an automatic and continuous manner made an object of ozone treatment and measurement of the quantity of carbon dioxide.
- 15 3. A method as stated in claim 2, c h a r a c t -
e r i z e d i n that a microprocessor is used, which processes the incoming data of analysis and the discharged volume of said medium, permitting the quantity of organic
20 material being discharged during a certain period of time, e.g. 1 hour, to be recorded.

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